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"Knowledge of kindred and the genealogies of the ancient families deserveth the highest praise. Herein consisteth a part of the knowledge of a man's own self. It is a great spur to virtue to look back on the worth of our line."—LORD BACON.

Coat of Arms of the Hiester Family.

[Copied from a record of the Hiester family by Mr. H. M. M. Richards, of Reading, Pennsylvania.]

THE origin of the Hiester Family was the Silesian knight, Premiscloros Hüsterniz, who flourished about 1329, and held the office of Mayor, or Town Captain of the city of Swineford.

"A. D. 1480, the Patrician and Counsellor of Swineford, Adolphus Louis, called 'der Hiester,' obtained from the Emperor Frederick, letters patent whereby he and his posterity were authorized to use the coat-of-arms he had inherited from his ancestors, to whom it was formerly granted, with the faculty of transmitting the same as an hereditary right and privilege to all his descendants.

"The Hiester family was afterward diffused through Austria, Saxony, Switzerland and other countries bordering on the river Rhine. Several of the members were distinguished statesmen and ministers of religion and among the Senators of Homburg, Bremen and Ratisbon, where many of the same name were found who afterward held the highest and most important offices in said cities.

The first part of this sketch is a translation from the German by G. Von Wagner, July, 1843.

"The Hiester Arms, as used in 1637 by Dr. Lawrence Hiester,* a distinguished German surgeon of his day, are:

Arms: Azure, a sun, or,

Crest: Between two horns, surmounting a helmet affronté, a sun, as in the Arms.

"The Hiester Arms, as used by the American branches, and obtained by them from their early ancestors, are:

Arms: Azure, a pair of horns proper over a star of eight points, or,

Crest: Between two horns surmounting a helmet afronte, the horns and star as in the Arms.

"When we bear in mind the fact that in the early days of heraldry it was customary for an attendant esquire to "blazen" or blow a horn, to attract the attention of the audience whilst the armorial bearings of the contestants in tournaments were proclaimed, and that hence, in Germany especially, it became the rule amongst the nobles to place their crest between two horns surmounting the helmet, we can readily see that the Arms of the American Hiester family are practically the same as those in Europe, which possibly are correct. The slight discrepancies in the American Arms are doubtless owing to the emigration of the family, and their subsequent separation from the fountain head. The two horns in the field of their escutcheon are unnecessary, not being a part of the armorial bearings. It is sufficient to have them as part of the crest. It may be probable that the eight-pointed "star" of the American Arms is a corruption of the original 'sun' in the European Arms, which it so closely resembles."

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*Lorenz Heister.—Born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Sept. 19, 1683; died at Helmstedt, April 18, 1758. A German surgeon, professor of surgery at Helmstedt from 1720. He was the founder of modern German surgery.

Concerning the Name Hiester.

[Copied from a letter written by Mr. H. M. M. Richards.]

THE original spelling of the name Hiester is "Hüster," which is pronounced the same. The latter is the German form. The former is merely spelled as we have it to get the pronunciation of the original. The German word "Hüster" is the name of a species of lark. Families get their names in many peculiar ways. We all know about the "Smiths," "Carpenters," etc. One of our family names, "Washington," came from the town "Wessyngton," adjoining their original possessions. In the same way "Muhlenberg" is derived from the old city "Mühlberg." It may be that the original Hüster home had a number of these larks about it.

Brief Sketch of the Hiester Family.

[Copied from Rupp's History of Berks and Lebanon Counties.]

THE name of Hiester is so extensively connected with the general and State governments that a brief sketch of the family may not be uninteresting. Their remote ancestors were of Silesian origin. From that country they were distributed throughout Austria, Bavaria, Saxony, Switzerland, and the countries bordering on the river Rhine. The immediate ancestors of the present race of that name in this country emigrated from Wizenstein in Westphalia, and arrived in America in the early part of the eighteenth century. They consisted of three brothers, John, Joseph and Daniel, who all took up their residence in the first place at Goshenhoppen, then in Philadelphia, now in Montgomery county. Here Daniel at once purchased a farm which was somewhat improved. After exploring and becoming better acquainted with the country, they united in purchasing from the Proprietary government between two and three thousand acres of land in Bern township, now Berks county. Here John and Joseph settled, while Daniel remained at the old homestead. Having thus, with the characteristic prudence of those primitive days, first secured the means of supporting families, they next, in due time, formed matrimonial alliances with American women, and "set themselves down each under his own vine and fig tree," to enjoy in the pursuit of agriculture, the fruits of his own virtuous enterprise. As they had been induced to leave their own native country by the vassalage of an oppressive government, which exacted not only onerous taxes, but also a portion of the

time and labor of its subjects, they naturally cherished in the minds of their descendants a lofty spirit of freedom. Accordingly, when the Revolutionary War broke out, they were among the first to enroll themselves in the list of "Associaters." The efficient services of this class of citizen soldiers, which was organized by electing two brigadier-generals at Lancaster on the 4th of July, 1776, afterward rendered, in the campaigns of New Jersey, New York, Delaware, and the lower parts of Pennsylvania, is a well known matter of history. Daniel of Montgomery, John of Chester, and Gabriel of Berks, the three eldest sons of Daniel, entered the service as field officers, the two former with the rank of colonel and the latter with that of major. William, the fourth and youngest son of Daniel, although also enrolled, did not, on account of his extreme youth and the infirmity of his aged parents, serve more than one campaign. Joseph Hiester, afterward Governor of Pennsylvania, the only son of John, entered the service as a captain in the "Flying Camp," and having been made a prisoner at the battle of Long Island, and confined on board the notorious Jersey Prison Ship, New Jersey, he was after his exchange, promoted to the rank of colonel. After the war, he and his two cousins, Daniel and John, were elected to the rank of major-general of the militia in their respective districts. The popularity of these men, gained by their devotion to country, and the public spirit during the eventful struggles of the Revolutionary War, never forsook them. After the conclusion of peace, they all enjoyed by the suffrage of the people, a large share in the councils of the State and general government. General Daniel Hiester was the first representative in Congress under the present constitution, from Berks county, of which he had in the meantime become a citizen. In 1796 he removed to Maryland, where he was again repeatedly elected to the same office, from the districts composed

of Washington, Frederick and Allegheny counties, until the time of his decease, which occurred at Washington city in the session of 1801-1802.

"Joseph Hiester was elected a member of the convention which met in Philadelphia in November, 1787, to consider and ratify or reject the present constitution of the United States; and in 1789 he was a member of the convention which formed the second constitution of this State. Under that constitution, he and Gabriel Hiester, who had also been a member of the convention which formed the first State constitution, were repeatedly elected to the Legislature, the latter continuing either in the Senate or House of Representatives, uninterruptedly for nearly thirty years. General Joseph Hiester, after the removal of Daniel to Maryland, represented his district, composed in part of Berks county, in Congress, and about the same time General John Hiester was also chosen a member of the same body from Chester county. Both were re-elected for a series of years—the former, until he resigned in 1820, when he was elected Governor of Pennsylvania, and the latter until he declined a re-election, and retired to private life."

Hiester Record.

[An exact copy of a translation from the German of a record of the Hiester family, taken from an old German Prayer Book and Book of Lessons and Exortations, printed in Cassel, 1746.]

THIS beginning is made in the name of the Lord.

"1713, on the 1st of January, the father, Daniel Hiester, was born, and on the 7th of January he was baptized. His father was Johannes Hiester and his mother Catharine Hiester; his birthplace was in Germany in the Borough (Dorf) Elssof in the Grafschaft (township) Witgenstein. 1742, on the 29th of September he entered into wedlock, or was married to our mother Catharine Schulerine; he lived in marriage with her forty-six years. He died, or exchanged this life with the everlasting, Sunday, on the night of the 7th of June, 1795, a little after one o'clock —therefore he lived in this world 82 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was buried on the following Tuesday, the 9th of June, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at which time his four sons were present, Johannes, Daniel, Gabriel and Wilhelm, together with their wives. Likewise his daughter Margaretha, his eldest child, with her husband, Philip Hahn, and also many friends, relatives and neighbors and many strange persons. He was buried at the stone Bern church, in mother's grave, which is to the left of him. They have one gravestone together, with their respective inscriptions. His funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. young Mr. Wilhelm Hendel, preacher of the Tulpehockon and also of this community. His funeral text was in the 73d of the Psalms of Asaph, the 25th and 26th verses (as follows): 'If I only have thee, I care nothing for heaven or earth. Though mine body and soul may die, still

thou, O God, art my heart's consolation and mine own.' They brought forth during their marriage five sons and two daughters, of whom the one son, Samuel by name, died in his childhood. The youngest daughter, Catharine, who is married to Jonathan Bischoff, was not present at father's funeral. The children were born in the order they were named above, only Catharine and Samuel are between Gabriel and Wilhelm the youngest child. I and my brother Daniel were present when he died.

"Page 5.—On the 10th of June, 1757, our son Wilhelm was born.

"Page 7.—On the 30th of September, 1751, our daughter Katarina was born.

"Page 7.—On the 17th of April, 1754, our son Samuel was born.

"Page 9.—On the 17th of June, 1749, our son Gabriel was born.

"Page 11.—On the 25th of June, 1747, our son Daniel was born.

"1804, the 7th of March, our brother Daniel Hiester died in the city of Washington, being a member of Congress from Washington county, Maryland; he was buried in Hagerstown. He reached the age of 56 years, 8 months and 10 days. (Written by his brother William Hiester, on the 7th of March, 1811. His above-mentioned birthday was written down by our father, Daniel Hiester.)

"Page 13.—1745, on the 9th of April, our son Johannes was born.

"Page 15.—1743, on the 26th of June, our daughter Margaretha was born.

"Page 17.—1765 (or 1767), on the 7th of May, Dan's first son was born, whose name is to be Martin.

"Page 19.—1776, on the 16th of March, Betz's son Michael was born.

"Page 19.—1768, on the 5th of November, Dan's daughter was born, whose name is Susan.

(*On last page of book.*)

"Susanna Hahn wrote this in the year 1789.

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"This is done in the name of the Lord on the 28th day of December, 1799, as follows:

"In the year of Christ 1757, on the 10th day of June, I, Wilhelm Hiester, was born in Old Goshenhoppen, in Upper Solford township, at the time being in Philadelphia county. My father was Daniel Hiester, born in Germany in the Grafschaft Witgenstein. My mother was Catharine Hiester, born in Schippack, Philadelphia county; her father was Gabriel Schuler, a low (nieder) German. I remained with my father in Goshenhoppen until I was seventeen years of age, when we moved to Reading, and here I stayed with my father until my marriage which took place on the 14th of March, 1784, at which time I moved to Bern township, and have lived there until this day, the 2d of December, 1799.

"1758, on the 28th of December, my wife Anna Maria Hiester, was born in Tulpehockon, Lancaster county. Her father was Isaac Meyer and was born a short distance from Lancaster; her mother was Catharine Meyer and was born in Tulpehockon.

1784, on the 18th of March. I, William Hiester and Anna Maria Hiester, were married to each other in her father's house, between twelve and one oclock, by the Rev. Mr. Schulsz, preacher in Tulpehockon. On this occasion there were present my father Daniel

Hiester, and my brother Gabriel Hiester. Her mother Mrs. Catharina Meier; my wife's brother Johannes Meier, and my wife's sisters Elisabeth, Catharine and Eva.

"N. B.—My (William Hiester) baptismal witnesses were my mother's brother William Schuller and his wife Elisabeth.

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"This is done in the name of the Lord, 28th of December, 1799.

"1785, the 22d of June, our eldest son Isaac Hiester was born, between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning—his baptismal witnesses were his grandfather Daniel Hiester and grandmother Catharine; he was baptized in Reading. 1786, on the 22d of November, our daughter Catharine was born, between eleven and twelve o'clock in the night. Her sponsor in baptism was Eva Meyer; she was baptized in Meyersville. 1789, on the 3d of February, our daughter Elisabetha was born. Her sponsors in baptism were my brother Gabriel Hiester and his wife Elisabeth; she was baptized in Bern township, in Berks county, in our own house; she was baptized by the Rev. Wagner. 1790, on the 10th day of October, our son, Wilhelm Hiester was born at three o'clock in the afternoon. His sponsors in baptism were my brother Daniel Hiester and his wife Rosina. He was baptized in Bern township, Berks county, in our own house. 1793, on the 4th of March, our daughter Maria Catharine was born. Her sponsor in baptism was Eva Meyer. She was baptized in Bern township, Berks county, in our own house; she was born at eight o'clock in the morning. 1795, on the 13th of October, between one and two o'clock in the morning, our son Daniel Jonathan Hiester was born. His sponsors in baptism were my brother Daniel and his wife Rosina. He was baptized in Bern township, in our own house.

"1797, on the 14th of June our daughter Rebecca was born between eleven and twelve o'clock in the night in the sign of Aquarius. She was baptized by the Rev. Wilhelm Hendel, Jr., and her sponsors in baptism were my brother-in-law Johannes Meyer and his wife Catharine.

"1803, on the 9th of June, our son Johannes Philip Hiester was born at ten o'clock in the morning, in the sign of Aquarius. He was baptized on the 31st of July following. His sponsors in baptism were the Rev. Wilhelm Hendel and his wife Margaretha. He was baptized in our house in Bern township.

"This is done in the name of the Lord on the 4th of June, 1817.

"On Monday, the 21st of April, in the year of our Lord 1817, our daughter Elisabeth died between twelve and one o'clock in the morning, in her husband's house in Tulpehockon township, Berks county, Pennsylvania. Her husband was Jonathan Miller, a son of Benjamin Miller. They brought forth together two daughters, with the youngest of whom she departed this life on earth and changed it for the everlasting life in heaven. She was born on the 3d of February, 1789, consequently reached the age of 28 years, 2 months and 18 days. Her funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Wilhelm Hendel, preacher in Tulpehockon. The text was the 18th verse of the 8th chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans, as follows: 'For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.'

"N. B.—Juliana Hiester Miller, her first daughter, was born on the 23d of October, 1813. She was baptized in the house of Elisabeth Miller's father in Bern township. Juliana Hiester Miller's sponsors in baptism were Wilhelm Hiester and Maria Hiester, her, Juliana's, grandparents. She was baptized by the Reverend Jacobus Reyley.

"Maria, 1793, 4th of March, died March 24, 1845.

"Daniel was born 1795, the 13th of October; died March 1st, 1835.

"Elizabeth Miller, born February 3d, 1789; died April 21st, 1817, aged 28 years, 2 months and 18 days. 1713

"Daniel Hiester was born January 1st, ~~1712~~, died June 7th, 1795, aged 82 years, 5 months and 7 days.

"Catharine Schuler Hiester died August 17th, 1789, aged 72 years, 11 months and 7 days."

This ends the prayer book record.

Origin of Family

"The Hiester family is of Silesian origin. Three brothers, Daniel, John and Joseph emigrated to Pennsylvania early in the eighteenth century, and their descendants have been prominent in civil life. Daniel had several sons, viz:

1st. John, of Chester county, born 1746, member of Congress 1807-1808, resigned and was succeeded by his son Daniel, 1809-1810.

2d. Daniel, of Montgomery county, born 1747, a representative in Congress from Pennsylvania, 1789-97, and from Maryland, 1801-5.

3d. Gabriel, of Berks county, for thirty years in the State Legislature.

4th. William, the youngest son,* for a short time in the Continental army, whose son William, born 1791, of Lancaster county, was a member of Congress in 1833-5, and died October 15th, 1853, and whose daughter Maria C. married Edward T. Clymer.... The first-named, John, had a son Joseph, a member of the convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States; repeatedly elected to the State Senate and House; member of Congress 1797-1807, and 1815-21; Governor of Pennsylvania, 1819; died June 10th, 1832. Besides the above offices these gentlemen held many others, a full account of which may be found in Rupp's History of Berks and Lebanon Counties, Pennsylvania, and in Lanman's Dictionary of Congress."—Roberdeau Genealogy, page 152.

* William Hiester served for one campaign in the Continental Army, Company of Captain George Wills, of his brother Major Gabriel Hiester's Batallion of 1777. "Penn'a Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIV, p. 255."

FIRST GENERATION.

JOHANNES AND CATHARINE HIESTER,

Parents of the three brothers who came to America. They were natives of the town of Elsoff, in the Grafschaft, or county, of Witgenstein, province of West Phalia, in Silesia, Germany.

SECOND GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JOHANNES AND CATHARINE HIESTER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
John	About .. 1707	 1750	Mary Barbara Epler ..	 1757
Joseph	About .. 1710	.....	Elizabeth Strunk	 1777
Daniel	Jan. 1, 1713	Sept. 29, 1742	Catharine Schuler	June 7, 1795

The first of the brothers to reach America was John, the eldest, who came over in 1732, being in the 25th year of his age. He settled in Goshenhoppen, then in Philadelphia, now in Montgomery county, Pa. He was followed by Joseph and Daniel on the ship "St. Andrew," from Rotterdam, who took the oath of allegience at Philadelphia on September 26th, 1737, and immediately joined their brother. Joseph Hiester at this time signed himself Jost Hüsterr. Here Daniel purchased a farm already somewhat improved. Having thoroughly acquainted themselves with the nature of the country, the brothers united in purchasing a tract of land from the Proprietary Government, between two and three thousand acres in size, in Bern township of the present Berks county, Pa., extending from the old stone Bern church to the Tulpehocken creek. On this property the two elder brothers located, while Daniel remained temporarily at Goshenhoppen until 1774, when he also removed to Berks county and took up his residence in the town of Reading, Pa.

SECOND GENERATION (Continued).

JOHN HIESTER, son of Johannes and Catharine Hiester, was born in the year 1707, and emigrated to America in 1732, from the

village of Elsoff, in the province of West Phalia, Germany. He located first in Goshenhoppen, then in Philadelphia, now in Montgomery county. Some years afterwards he settled in Bern township, Berks county, Pa., where he was then married to Mary Barbara Epler, daughter of one of the first settlers of that section of the country. He and his two brothers Joseph and Daniel, took up large tracts of land comprising several thousand acres and extending from the Bern church to the Tulpehockon creek, and there they carried on farming. John Hiester died in 1757, aged 50 years. His wife, Mary Barbara Epler, was born August 16th, 1732, died October 5th, 1809. The remains of both were buried in the graveyard appurtenant to the Bern church. John Hiester had only one son, Joseph, afterwards Governor of Pennsylvania.

THIRD GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JOHN HIESTER AND MARY BARBARA EPLER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Catharine	Sept. 16, 1750	.....	John Ruth	June 24, 1824
Joseph	Nov. 18, 1752	 1771	Elizabeth Witman	June 10, 1832

CHILDREN OF MARY BARBARA EPLER (BORN 1732, DIED 1809,) HIESTER, (WIDOW OF JOHN HIESTER), AND CHRISTIAN RUTH.

John Adam	Oct. 10, 1759	.....	Eve Hain	Dec. 24, 1824
Susanna	Oct. 29, 1761	.....	Henry Fisher	May 12, 1821
Mary Magdalene ..	Jan. 3, 1763	.....	George Hain	May 14, 1845
Anna Maria	Dec. 28, 1768	.....	Adam Hain	Mar. 4, 1836
Daniel	Oct. 25, 1774	.....	Eliza Miller	Sept. 13, 1827

[Catharine Hiester and John Ruth had no children.]

FOURTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HIESTER AND ELIZABETH WITMAN.

Catharine	June 22, 1772	Apr. 1, 1798	John Spayd	Nov. 27, 1833
John S.	July 28, 1774	.....	Maria Muhlenberg	Mar. 7, 1849
Elizabeth	Sept. 10, 1778	Oct. 14, 1804	Levi Pawling	July 27, 1827
Rebecca	July 4, 1781	June 7, 1808	Henry A. Muhlenberg .	Jan. 22, 1841
Adam Witman	Mar. 20, 1784	.....	.....	.....
Mary Elizabeth ...	Mar. 20, 1784	 1805	Henry A. Muhlenberg .	Mar. 21, 1806

We will carry no further the descendants of John Hiester and Mary Barbara Epler.

SECOND GENERATION (Continued).

JOSEPH HIESTER, born about 1710, died about 1772, married Elizabeth Strunk. Came to America in 1738, and first went to live

in Goshenhoppen, then Philadelphia, now Montgomery county. Several years afterward Joseph and his brothers John and Daniel united in purchasing from the Proprietary Government between two and three thousand acres of land in Bern township, Berks county, Pa. Here John and Joseph settled while Daniel remained at the old homestead in Goshenhoppen.

THIRD GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HIESTER AND ELIZABETH STRUNK.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
John	Sept. 25, 1754		Catharine Albright.	Sept. 17, 1826
John Christian			Susan Rieser	
Catharine	1758		Nicholas Lieb	Sept. 3, 1813
Daniel	Nov. 5, 1761		Magdalene Albright	Apr. 16, 1827
			Barbara Kaufman	
			Susan Auman	
Ann Eliza	Apr. 8, 1766		Jacob Van Reed	
Joseph	Aug. 4, 1768		Elizabeth Beck	Apr. 16, 1830
William	Nov. 11, 1770		Anna Maria Bentz	Feb. 8, 1828

FOURTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JOHN HIESTER AND CATHARINE ALBRIGHT.

John				
Ann Eliza			Jacob Gieding	
Daniel				
Catharine			David Buone	
Joseph			Margaret Reber	
John Christian			Catharine Kremer	
Jacob			Susan Kremer	

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JOHN CHRISTIAN HIESTER AND SUSAN RIESER.

John			Christian Huyett	
Catharine			Jonas Ruth	
Susan			Isaac Huyett	
Isaac			Mary Spengler	
Joseph			Mary Rose	
Daniel			Eliza Gift	
Mary			Abraham Moyer	

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF CATHARINE HIESTER AND NICHOLAS LIEB.

John			Catharine Larich	
Susan			John Hetrich	
Nicholas			Catharine Dundor	
Christina			Michael Zechman	
Rebecca			Solomon Deil	
Elizabeth			David Gruber	
Catharine			John Heck	
Sarah				

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

(1) CHILDREN OF DANIEL HIESTER AND MAGDALENA ALBRIGHT.

John	.....	.....	Christina Miller	.....

(2) CHILDREN OF DANIEL HIESTER AND BARBARA KAUFMAN.

Joseph	.....	.....	Catharine Kantner	.....
Catharine	.....	.....	Thomas Kantner	.....
Magdalene	.....	.....	John Jacob Ungerer..	.....
Gabriel	.....	.....	Catharine Emerich	.....

(3) CHILDREN OF DANIEL HIESTER AND SUSAN AUMAN.

Daniel	.....	.....	Eve Crarloff	.....
Thomas	.....	.....	Christina Eberling....	.....
Susan	.....	.....	Conrad Reber	.....
Jacob	.....	.....	Lavina Rishel	.....
Samuel	.....	.....	Sarah Miller	.....
David	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sarah	.....	.....	.....	.....

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF ANN ELIZA HIESTER AND JACOB VAN REED.

Catharine	.....	.....	William High	.....
Jacob	.....	.....	Margaret Gilbert	.....
Eliza	.....	.....	Samuel High	.....
Henry	.....	.....	Susan Gilbert	.....
John	.....	.....	Catharine Hehenheiman	.....
Joseph	.....	.....	.....	.....
David	.....	.....	.....	.....
Daniel	.....	.....	Dorothy Gardner	.....
Samuel	.....	.....	.....	.....
Anna	.....	.....	.....	.....
Susan	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rebecca	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hanna	.....	.....	Samuel Hill	.....

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HIESTER AND ELIZABETH BECK.

Levi	.....	.....	Belinda Shenfelder ..	.....
Elizabeth B.	.....	Apr. 13, 1837	David McKnight	.....

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM HIESTER AND ANNA MARIA BENTZ.

John Bentz	.....	.....	Mary Smith	.....
Maria	.....	.....	——— Stein	.....
William	.....	.....	——— Porter	.....
Lydia .... } twins	.....	.....	——— Pantz	.....
Hanna .... } twins	.....	.....	William Davis	.....
Joseph	.....	.....	——— Hendricks ..	.....
George	.....	.....	——— Spittler	.....
Cyrus	.....	.....	——— Zitzer	.....

We will carry no further the descendants of Joseph Hiester and Elizabeth Strunk.

JOHANNES HIESTER.
CATHERINE.

DANIEL HIESTER.
CATHARINE SCHULER.

MARGARETHA HIESTER.
PHILIP HAHN.

CATHARINE HAHN.
JOHN MYERS.

ISAAC | JOHN | DANIEL | MARGARET | MARIA | PRISCILLA

DR. WM. GRIES.

WILLIAM | JOHN | LEMUEL | CLARA

DANIEL HIESTER, born in 1713, on the 1st of January, married Catharine Schuler, September 29th, 1742, died June 7th, 1795. Came to this country with his brother Joseph in 1738 and settled in Goshenhoppen, then in Philadelphia, now called Montgomery county. Here he at once purchased a farm which was somewhat improved. Afterwards he united with his brothers in purchasing from the Proprietary Government between two and three thousand acres of land in Bern township, Berks county, Pa.

As previously stated, Daniel Hiester remained in Montgomery county until 1774, when he removed to Reading, Pa. He was a member of the Reformed church of old Goshenhoppen, his name appearing on the original roll of male members entered in 1746, by Pastor George Michael Weiss, on the church register. He lived on a property in Upper Salford township, immediately below the present village of Sumneytown, named after Isaac Sumney, who owned much property in that locality. He became a foremost man in the neighborhood.

"In 1757 he built a fine two-story brick mansion on the east side of the turnpike, close to Ridge Valley creek. It was sufficiently prominent to be noted on the map of Pennsylvania published by Nicholas Scull, the Province Surveyor, in 1759. It was a notable building in its day, and is still standing. A broad hall runs through the middle of the first story, on each side of which are spacious parlors; the second story is divided into bed rooms; above this is the roomy garret of the olden time. Heavy eaves run along the gable roof, and a corresponding cornice forms the lower part of the gable. It was originally provided with closets in which to hide plate during troublous times. In 1777 he was appointed a justice of the peace for Berks county where he was

then living."—Copied from a Hiester Record by Mr. H. M. M. Richards of Reading, Pa.

"Daniel Hiester was buried at the stone Bern church in his wife's grave, which is to the left of him, and they have one gravestone."—Hiester Prayer Book.

Catharine (Schuler, or Schulerin) Hiester was born September 10th, 1717, in Schippack, Philadelphia county, died August 17th, 1789, aged 72 years, 11 months and 7 days, and was buried at the stone Bern church. Her father was Gabriel Schuler, a Nieder (low) German, or Netherlander.

THIRD GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND CATHARINE (SCHULER) HIESTER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Margaretha	June 26, 1743	May 23, 1761	Philip Hahn	Feb. 11, 1820
John	Apr. 9, 1745	.....	Hanna Pawling	Oct. 15, 1821
Daniel	June 25, 1747	 1770	Rosina Hager	Mar. 7, 1804
Gabriel	June 17, 1749	 1773	Elizabeth Bausman ...	Sept. 1, 1824
Catharine	Sept. 30, 1751	.....	Jonathan Bischoff	.....
Samuel	Apr. 17, 1754	.....	.....	When a child.
William	June 10, 1757	Mar. 18, 1784	Anna Maria Meyer	July 13, 1822

Margaretha married Philip Hahn, who was born March 31st, 1736, died April 16th 1821. They had five children.

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF MARGARETHA HIESTER AND PHILIP HAHN.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Catharine	.....	.....	John Myers	.....
Susan	.....	.....	Henry Antes	.....
Margaret	.....	.....	William Hendel	.....
Philip	.....	.....	Margaret Buskirk	.....
John	.....	.....	Margaret Swoyer	.....

John married Hanna Pawling, who was born November 25th, 1747, died November 25th, 1822. They had seven children.

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JOHN HIESTER AND HANNA PAWLING.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Daniel	.....	..... ~~1770~~	Margaret Connard....	.....
John	.....	.....	——— Titlow.....	.....
Elizabeth	.....	.....	Matthew Davis	.....
Catharine	.....	.....	David Beaver	.....
Rebecca	.....	.....	——— Vanderslice..	.....
Rachael	.....	.....	——— Landis	.....
Samuel	.....	.....	Margaret Rutter	.....
			Mary Beaver	.....

[Daniel Hiester and Rosina Hager had no children.]

THIRD GENERATION (Continued).

Daniel, in 1784, was elected to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, and in 1787 a commissioner of the Connecticut land claims. After the Revolutionary War he returned to Berks county, and was elected a member of the first, second, third and fourth Congresses of the United States. After this he removed to Hagerstown, Maryland, and was elected from that State a member of the seventh and eighth Congresses. During his attendance upon the eighth Congress, he died at Washington, D. C., and was buried at Hagerstown, Maryland. He was one of those who voted for locating the seat of government on the Potomac. Daniel Hiester was married in 1770 to Rosanna Hager, who was born April 21st, 1752, and died January 11th, 1810. She was the daughter of Captain Jonathan Hager (and his wife Elizabeth, *nee* Krischner), who was a prominent citizen of Maryland, and founder, in 1762, of the town of Hagerstown, first called by him Elizabethtown, after his wife, then later Elizabeth Hagerstown.

Died in Maryland 1810

THIRD GENERATION (Continued).

Gabriel Hiester was married in 1773 to Elizabeth Bausman who was born September 12th, 1751, died May 8th, 1832. She survived him eight years, dying in the 81st year of her age.

Was for 30 years a member of the State Legislature from Berks County

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF GABRIEL HIESTER AND ELIZABETH BAUSMAN.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Elizabeth	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gabriel	Jan. 5, 1779	 1803	Mary Otto	Sept. 14, 1834
Mary Rosina	Dec. 8, 1781	Oct. 21, 1804	Fred. Aug. Sbulze	Feb. 13, 1824
William Bausman.	.....	.....	Catharine Miller	.....
Jonathan Daniel ..	.....	.....	Sarah Otto	.....

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF CATHARINE HIESTER AND JONATHAN BISCHOFF.

John	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catharine	.....	.....	George Otto	.....
Margaret	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rosina	.....	.....	Obermyer	.....
Susanna	.....	.....	.....	.....

THIRD GENERATION (Continued).

William Hiester was born in old Goshenhoppen, in Upper Salford township, where he remained with his parents until he was seventeen years of age, at which time they moved to Reading, Pa. (1774). He went with them to Reading and lived with them until he was twenty-seven years old, at which time he moved to Bern township, having been married to Anna Maria Meyer, March 18th, 1784 (see Hiester Prayer Book). Anna Maria Meyer was born in Tulpehockon, Lancaster county, December 28th, 1758, died October 4th, 1822. Her father was Isaac Myer (or Meier) who was the founder of Myerstown, Pa. He was born January 4th, 1730, shot July 5, 1770, and is buried at Myerstown at the Tulpehockon church. His other children were John (who married Catharine Hahn), Elizabeth, Catharine and Eva."—Mr. H. M. M. Richards.

William Hiester served for one campaign in the Continental Army, in the company of Captain George Wills, of his brother Major Gabriel Hiester's Battalion of 1777.—Penna. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIV, page 255.

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ANNA MARIA (MEYER) HIESTER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Isaac	June 22, 1785	Apr. 10, 1810	Hester Muhlenberg ...	Sept. 12, 1855
Catharine Eva	Nov. 22, 1786	.....	.....	Oct. 7, 1865
Elizabeth	Feb. 8, 1789	.....	Jonathan Miller	Apr. 21, 1817
William	Oct. 10, 1790	.....	Lucy Ellmaker.....	Oct. 15, 1853
Maria Catherine ..	Mar. 4, 1793	June 11, 1818	Edw. Tilghman Clymer	Mar. 24, 1845
Daniel Jonathan ..	Oct. 13, 1795	.....	.....	Mar. 1, 1835
Rebecca	June 14, 1797	.....	William Eckert	Sept. 22, 1857
John Philip	June 9, 1803	Jan. 27, 1830	~~Judith~~ Hahn	Sept. 15, 1854 Rebecca
.....	.....	.....	Phoebe Rauch	June 20, 1846
.....	.....	July 5, 1848	Caroline Amelia Musaer	Sept. 15, 1875

ISAAC HIESTER was a practicing physician and the first president of the Reading Gas Company, a member of Christ Episcopal Church, and one of the original members of the Charles Evans Cemetery Company, of which he was president at the time of his death, September 12th, 1855. His wife was a daughter of General Peter Muhlenberg, was born April 1st, 1785, and died July 21st, 1872, in the 88th year of her age. (See Prayer Book record.)

ELIZABETH HIESTER married Jonathan Miller, son of Benjamin Miller and his wife Catharine (Pepper) Miller, and both are buried at Charles Evans Cemetery at Reading, Pa. Jonathan Miller died March 24th, 1868. (This last date was given me by Mrs. N. T. Biddle, San José, Cal. (See Prayer Book record.)

WILLIAM HIESTER resided at New Holland, Lancaster county, and was a Congressman from that district from 1833-1835. (See Prayer Book record. Had one child - Isaac of Lancaste

MARIA CATHERINE HIESTER married Edward Tilghman Clymer, and lived on a farm in the Conestoga Valley near Morgantown, Berks county, Pa., until December, 1839, when she moved to Reading Pa.

Extract from Mrs. Maria C. Clymer's diary: "In December, 1839, we went to Reading into Uncle John's house. Uncle William brought A. Kitty, Mary, George, and myself up in his carriage. Hiester had come up some time before to stay with his Uncle John.

"Mrs. Clymer was an active manager of the Reading Benevolent Society from the time of her removal to Reading until her death. For several years she presided as directress of the board, and was regarded with that affection and respect that her propriety of deportment ever commanded. To a judgment always to be relied upon was added a gentleness of manner and firmness of purpose that peculiarly fitted her for the office."—Extract from Eleventh Annual Report of Reading Benevolent Society, December 30, 1845.

She died in Reading and was buried in the burial ground of St. Thomas' Church (Episcopal), Morgantown. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Levi Bull, D.D., from 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. Funeral services were performed by the Rev. R. U. Morgan. Her body was afterward removed to Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, Pa., as were also those of her husband and infant son, Weidnor, and her husband's father and mother. (See Prayer Book record.)

Daniel Jonathan Hiester was a practicing lawyer in Reading, Pa., until a short time before his death, when he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Maria Heister Clymer, wife of Edward T. Clymer, in the Conestoga Valley, near Morgantown, Berks county, Pa. While at her home he was taken sick and died. (See Prayer Book record.)

Rebecca Hiester was married to William Eckert of Reading, Pa., who died June 4th, 1861, aged 65 years and 23 days. (See Prayer Book record.)

John Philip Hiester was a practicing physician and one of the most scholarly men that Berks county has produced (Montgomery's History of Berks County).

He was married three times. First, to ~~Judith~~ Hahn, who died October 31st, 1839. They had no children. Second, to Phoebe

Rauch, who died June 20th, 1846. They had no children. Third, Caroline Amelia Musser, born December 28th, 1808, died November 8th, 1875, and was buried at Beloit, Wisconsin. Her father was John Musser and her mother was Mary Catharine Muhlenber. She was married to Dr. Hiester, July 5th, 1848.

FIFTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC AND HESTER (MUHLENBERG) HIESTER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Anna	Oct. 28, 1812	June 10, 1840	Pringle Jones	Feb. 17, 1850
Peter Muhlenberg .	May 3, 1815	.....	.....	Mar. 10, 1834
William Muhlenber	May 15, 1818	June 12, 1849	Julia F. Roland	Aug. 16, 1878
Frank Muhlenberg	Mar. 11, 1829	June 5, 1856	Ella V. Lauman.....	Apr. 9, 1864

William Muhlenberg Hiester was born in Reading, Pa., May 15th, 1818; was admitted to the Reading bar January 7th, 1840. On June 12th, 1849, he married Julia F. Roland. Was Pennsylvania State Senator, 1852-1855, and speaker of the same in 1855. Appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth January, 1858-61, by Governor William F. Packer. (From Muhlenberg Record, by H. M. M. Richards). His mother was Hester Muhlenberg, daughter of General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, of Revolutionary fame, who was born October 1, 1746, married April 10th, 1810, died October 1, 1807. She, Hester Muhlenberg Hiester, was born April 1st, 1785, died July 21st, 1872, at the advanced age of 87 years. William Muhlenberg Hiester died in Reading August 16th, 1878, leaving a widow and one child, Isaac, a practicing lawyer in Reading.

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Frank Muhlenberg Hiester, graduate Medical Department University of Pennsylvania, 1852; spent eighteen months in medical hospital of Paris, France; followed his profession in Reading, Pa. Assistant Surgeon 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861, then Brigade Surgeon with rank of major. Medical Director, Department of Ohio. (Muhlenberg Record by Mr. H. M. M. Richards.)

SIXTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM MUHLENBERG HIESTER AND JULIA ROLAND.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
A son	Feb. 20, 1853	.....	.....	Mar. 20, 1853
Isaac	Jan. 8, 1856	Dec. 4 1905	Mary H. Black	.....

CHILDREN OF FRANK MUHLENBERG HIESTER AND ELLA V. LAUMAN.

George Lauman ...	May 29, 1857	.....	.....	June 5, 1857
Anna Muhlenberg .	Jan. 13, 1859	.....	Dr. H. Clinton McSherry	.....
Edwardine Lauman	Oct. 28, 1863	Oct. 1889	John A. Hoogerwerff ..	.....

SEVENTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF EDWARDINE LAUMAN HIESTER AND JOHN A. HOOGERWERFF.

Hiester	.....	.....	.....	.....

We have decided that it will be less confusing to the reader to carry down in direct succession as many generations as there are of the children of William Hiester and Anna Maria (Meyers) Hiester rather than to give all the generations of the families as has been the plan followed out in part of this record.

1
JOHANNES AND CATHERINE HIESTER.

2
DANIEL AND CATHARINE (SCHULER) HIESTER.

3
WILLIAM AND ANNA MARIA (MEYER) HIESTER.

4
ISAAC AND HESTER (MUHLENBERG) HIESTER.

- ANNA PRINGLE JONES
- PETER MUHLENBERG
- WILLIAM MUHLENBERG
  - JULIA F. ROLAND
    - A SON
    - ISAAC
- FRANK MUHLENBERG
  - ELLA V. LAUMAN
    - GEORGE LAUMAN
    - ANNA MUHLENBERG
      - DR. H. CLINTON McSHERRY
    - EDWARDINE LAUMAN
      - JOHN A. HOOGERWERFF
        - HIESTER

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FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH HIESTER AND JONATHAN MILLER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Juliana Hiester ...	Oct. 23, 1813	Nov. 6, 1832	James Huy Van Reed.	May 1, 1892
Maria Elizabeth ..	Apr. 17, 1817	.....	.....	July 30, 1822

JULIANA HIESTER MILLER was baptized in her grandfather William Hiester's house in Bern township, Pa., by a cousin of her mother, James Reily, V. D. M., of Hagerstown, Maryland. Her sponsors were William Hiester and his wife Anna Maria Myers. She was sent to a Moravian school at Lititz, Pa., finishing her education at Judge McKane's boarding school, which was called "The Gothic Mansion," and was on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, between Eighth and Ninth streets. On November 6th, 1832, she was married to James Huy Van Reed, by Rev. Mr. Hendel, of Millbach, Pa. Their groomsmen were his brother Joshua Van Reed and John Jones, and their bridesmaids her cousins, Anna Hiester and Julia Shultz. In 1854 they moved to San Francisco, Cal., where they made their home for a number of years, spending their summers at Mountain View Ranch. Mr. Van Reed died August 19th, 1884, and his wife died May 1st, 1892, both are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, San José, Cal., where lies the body of their son Eugene.

SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JULIANA MILLER AND JAMES HUY VAN REED.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
A daughter	.....	.....	.....	Lived 6 weeks.
Eugene Miller	Apr. 6, 1835	.....	.....	Feb. 2, 1873
Kate Josephine ...	Aug. 23, 1836	.....	.....	Nov. 22, 1876
Margaretta Pepper	Feb. 4, 1840	 1865	Noble T. Biddle	.....
William Edward ..	Apr. 4, 1841	.....	.....	Aug. 1896

Eugene Miller Van Reed was first Consul General of the Sandwich Islands to the Court of Japan, from 1866-1873, when he died aboard the "Japan" in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on his voyage home. He was buried in the Masonic Cemetery at the foot of

Lone Mountain, San Francisco, Cal., in a beautiful spot looking westward through the "Golden Gate" to the setting sun and the "Silent Land," "the Land of the Departed." His life has been a benediction to us all—so loving and kind.

Margaret Pepper Van Reed was married 1865, to Noble T. Biddle, a lawyer from Elkton, Maryland. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church, Reading, Pa., by Dr. E. J. Richards, who used the Episcopal service, and her cousin, Hiester Clymer, gave her away. She went with her husband to Elkton, Maryland, to live, and there their four children were born.

Mr. Noble T. Biddle was born in 1838, at White Hall, Third District, near Elkton, Maryland, and was the second child of Noble Biddle and Francina Miriam Pugh. He attended the school of Mrs. James Woodford, then Elkton Academy, and from 1853-1854 New London Academy. He read law with Colonel John C. Groome, father of James B. Groome, Governor of Maryland, who was studying at the same time. He was admitted to the Elkton bar in 1860; opened a law office in Elkton in 1867; was elected State Attorney for four years, county commissioner, and especial auditor of the Circuit Court in Equity in 1871. Went to San José, Cal., 1881, where he continued the practice of law until the time of his death, which occurred at Pacific Grove, Cal., November 28, 1902. He was a Democrat and carried the banner of his party to his last campaign, 1902. Was a nominee for Supreme Judge by the Democratic party in 1902, but was defeated.

William Edward Van Reed lived in San Francisco, Cal., and was a retired captain of the 5th U. S. Art'y. He died August, 1896.

SEVENTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF MARGARETTA PEPPER VAN REED AND NOBLE T. BIDDLE.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Florence Van Reed	Aug. 18, 1866	Oct. 2, 1895	Benjamin Rickets	[illegible]
Reed	Aug. 5, 1869	.....	.....	Dec. 13, 1870
James Noble	July 24, 1872	.....	.....	June 19, 1873
Julian Hiester	Aug. 13, 1874	June 17, 1903	Eva G. Chamberlin...	.....

EIGHTH GENERATION.

CHILD OF FLORENCE VAN REED BIDDLE AND BENJAMIN RICKETS.

Noble George	Sept. 28, 1896	.....	.....	.....

JOHANNES AND CATHERINE HIESTER.
DANIEL AND CATHARINE (SCHULER) HIESTER.
WILLIAM AND ANNA MARIA (MEYER) HIESTER.
ELIZABETH HIESTER AND JONATHAN MILLER.

JULIANA HIESTER MILLER
JAMES HUY VAN REED

MARIA ELIZABETH

A DAUGHTER

EUGENE MILLER

KATE JOSEPHINE

MARGARETTA PEPPER
NOBLE T. BIDDLE

WILLIAM EDWARD

FLORENCE VAN REED
BENJAMIN RICKETTS

NOBLE GEORGE

REED

JAMES NOBLE

JULIAN HIESTER
EVA GERTRUDE CHAMBERLIN

FIFTH GENERATION. (Continued.)

CHILDREN OF MARIA C. HIESTER AND EDWARD T. CLYMER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Daniel Roberdeau.	Mar. 31, 1819	Mar. 31, 1846	Delia Pierson	May 5, 1889
William Hiester ..	Oct. 9, 1820	June 12, 1855	Valeria Smith	July 26, 1883
Edward Myers	July 16, 1822	Jan. 27, 1864	Ella Maria Dietz	May 25, 1883
Weldnor	May 12, 1824	.....	.....	July 16, 1824
Mary Hiester	July 19, 1825	Aug. 10, 1852	William B. Clymer ..	Nov. 26, 1878
Hiester	Nov. 3, 1827	Apr. 3, 1856	Elizabeth M. Brooke ..	June 12, 1884
.....	.....	Apr. 26, 1880	Mrs. J. B. Clemens	.....
George Edward ...	Jan. 8, 1830	June 29, 1869	Alice Carey Swift	July 7, 1895

Daniel Roberdeau Clymer, eldest son of Maria Catherine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, Berks county, Pa., March 31, 1819. After receiving his education at Lititz, Lancaster county, he engaged in the mercantile business in Reading, Pa., which he pursued until 1852. From 1853-1854 he was mayor of Reading, and some years later held a position in the East Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which he resigned in 1869, after which time he was not in business. He was also a lawyer, having been admitted to the bar August 20th, 1857, but was never engaged in the active practice of the law. He was married at Mercersburg March 31st, 1846, to Delia Pierson, daughter of Silas and Sarah Pierson, of Morristown, New Jersey. Mrs. Clymer was born January 8th, 1824, and died June 14th, 1861. They had five children. Mr. Clymer was well known over the whole State and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was a devout member of the Episcopal church, and was looked upon as a faithful and upright Christian gentleman. His death occurred after a short illness at his residence in Reading, Pa., May 5th, 1889.—Extract from a newspaper article published at the time of his death.

SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF DANIEL ROBERDEAU CLYMER AND DELIA PIERSON.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Maria Hiester	June 2, 1847	.....	.....	Jan. 9, 1853
Sarah Anna Moore	June 24, 1849	June 22, 1868	Edward Brooke	.....
.....	.....	July 26, 1890	Rev. R. H. McKim, D.D.	.....
Delia Pierson	May 28, 1851	.....	.....	Nov. 7, 1873
Daniel ~~David~~ Roberdean Jr	Nov. 6, 1854	.....	.....	Dec. 7, 1858
Hiester George ...	Oct. 21, 1856	.....	.....	Nov. 21, 1858

SEVENTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF SARAH ANNA MOORE CLYMER AND EDWARD BROOKE.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Annie Clymer	Mar. 28, 1870	Oct. 1, 1891	Blair Lee	Dec. 24 - 190
Robert Edward ...	July 7, 1872	Jan. 22, 1898	Cornelia L. Ewing	.....
George Clymer	June 5, 1875	Feb. 12, 1901	Rhoda Fuller Morris..	.....
Frederick Hiester .	Oct. 9, 1876	.....	.....	.....

EIGHTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF ANNIE CLYMER BROOKE AND BLAIR LEE.

Edward Brooke ...	Oct. 23, 1892	.....	.....	.....
Phillipa Blair	Dec. 27, 1895	.....	.....	.....
Arthur Fitzgerald .	Dec. 9, 1900	.....	.....	May 4 . 190

CHILDREN OF ROBERT EDWARD BROOKE AND CORNELIA EWING.

Robert Clymer	Dec. 12, 1898	.....	.....	.....
Maskell Ewing	Feb. 19, 1903	.....	.....	.....

CHILDREN OF GEORGE CLYMER BROOKE AND RHODA FULLER MORRIS.

Rhoda Morris	Nov. 12, 1901	.....	.....	.....

FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

William Hiester Clymer, second son of Maria Catharine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, near Morgantown, Berks county, Pa., October 9th, 1820. His father dying while the children were all small, the subject of this sketch was placed in charge of his uncle, William Hiester, of New Holland, Lancaster county, where he was in his uncle William's store for a short time and subsequently sent to Lititz to school. He afterwards came to Reading and he and his brother, Daniel R. Clymer, opened a dry goods store at 518 Penn street. Later they moved their store to the building on the southwest corner of Fifth and Penn streets, which property they bought. Some years after William Clymer sold out his interest in the store to his brother Daniel, and, in 1846, he and his brother Edward M. Clymer purchased the charcoal furnace at Mt. Laurel, Berks county, where he, William H. Clymer, resided until 1882 with the exception of about two years, from

b. Aug 14 d. Mar 6.

1864-1866, when he lived in Reading. In 1860 he and his brothers purchased the Old Oley charcoal furnace near Friedensburg, one of the oldest charcoal furnaces in the United States, and commenced mining iron ore extensively. The Temple furnace, a large and perfectly equipped anthracite furnace adjoining the East Pennsylvania Railroad at Temple, five miles north of Reading, was built by William H. Clymer and Company, 1867 and run by them until 1870, when the Temple Iron Company was organized with William H. Clymer as its president. About 1880 the Clymer brothers had the Mt. Laurel furnace changed from a charcoal to an anthracite furnace and a railroad, one and a half miles in length, was built from the East Pennsylvania Railroad at Temple to the furnace. After these improvements were made the brothers organized the Clymer Iron Company, a corporation which included in its operations the Mt. Laurel furnace, Oley furnace, extensive limestone quarries at Bower's Station, iron ore mines near Pricetown, and a number of mines along the East Penn. Railroad. This corporation, of which William H. Clymer was president, was entirely independent of the Temple Iron Company, of which he was also the president. About a year before his death Mr. Clymer resigned the presidency of these companies on account of ill health and was succeeded by his brother Hiester Clymer. He, however, retained the presidency of the First National Bank of Reading, which he held from 1876 until his death. He removed with his family to Reading, Pa., September, 1882, and died there July 26th, 1883. He had a large acquaintance and was greatly respected for his sterling character. Was a man of excellent judgment, and his advice was frequently sought upon many important matters. He was brought up an Episcopalian, and was a member of Christ church, Reading, at the time of his death. On June 12th, 1855, he married Valeria, eldest daughter

of Levi B. Smith. She was born March 14th, 1828, and died August 17th, 1901. Their family consisted of six childern, all of whom survived.

SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM HIESTER CLYMER AND VALERIA SMITH.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Emily Smith	July 16, 1856	.....	.....	Sept. 18. 1904
Edward Tilghman	Aug. 8, 1857	Aug. 5, 1896	Ada Burno.....	.....
William Hiester ..	Mar. 21, 1860	.....	.....	.....
Levi Smith.....	Apr. 2, 1863	June 11, 1891	Clara Matilda Riegel.	.....
Valeria Elizabeth .	Apr. 29, 1865	June 21, 1899	Samuel Smith Hill M.D	.....
Frederick Hiester .	May 2, 1869	.....	.....	.....

SEVENTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF EDWARD TILGHMAN CLYMER AND ADA BURNO. d. June 1871

Stanley Palm	Aug. 16, 1897	.....	.....	.....
Charlotte Bertha ..	Feb. 18, 1902	.....	.....	.....

CHILDREN OF LEVI SMITH CLYMER AND CLARA MATILDA RIEGEL.

John Riegel	Apr. 14, 1892	.....	.....	.....
Valeria Smith	Jan. 12, 1896	.....	.....	.....

CHILDREN OF VALERIA ELIZABETH CLYMER AND SAMUEL SMITH HILL, M.D.

Samuel Smith Jr. .	July 6, 1900	.....	.....	.....

FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

Edward Myers Clymer, third son of Maria Catharine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, near Morgantown, Berks county, Pa., July 16th, 1822. He went to the local schools in his early youth, and afterward to the Abbeville Academy in Lancaster county, and to the academy of Joshua Hoopes, at West Chester. He then selected the law as his profession, and after pursuing his legal studies for a while under William Strong, Esq., he entered the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1845. Upon his return to Reading he was admitted to the bar on August 4th, 1845. He then opened a law office and soon acquired a lucrative business, which he continued until 1857, at which time he

became thoroughly interested in projecting the East Pennsylvania Railroad from Reading to Allentown. His efforts in this enterprise were entirely successful and he became the first president of the company and continued in this office until the road was leased to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. In 1874 he was chosen president of the Coal Company belonging to the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, which it owned and operated in Pennsylvania, and he held this position until his death, which occurred in New York City May 25, 1883. He was popular in social and business circles and united to a more than common business sagacity an abundance of well-directed energy, qualities which received marked development in the building of the East Penn. Railroad and the proposed continuation of a system of underground railway under Broadway, New York. He was married on January 24th, 1864, to Ella Maria Dietz, daughter of William H. Dietz, of New York City. They had one child, a son, Edward Myers Clymer, born May 6th, 1869, who survived him, as did also his widow.—Information gained from "Roberdeau Genealogy," by Roberdeau Buchanan; also extracts from "History of Berks County," by Morton Montgomery, and newspaper clippings published at the time of his death.

FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

Mary Hiester Clymer, only daughter of Maria Catharine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, Berks county, Pa., July 19th, 1825. She was married August 10th, 1852, in Christ Church, Reading, Pa., by the Rev. Milton Lightner, rector, to her cousin, William Bingham Clymer, the eldest son of Henry and grandson of George Clymer, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. (See this family in the Lloyd and Carpenter Genealogy,

ril 18 - 1801 at Morrisville New Jersey,
the family place called "Summer Sea
died May 28th 1878 at Florence - Italy

by C. P. Smith, Esq.) Mr. Clymer was born at the homestead, near Trenton, Bucks county, Pennsylvania; his mother having been Mary Willing. He received a liberal education, graduating with credit at Princeton College; and studied law, but never practiced. When quite young he assumed the management of the Bingham estate. In 1842, was appointed general agent for the northern counties of Pennsylvania, and in 1845, established the general office of the estate at Wellsboro. His management of the large property was highly successful, so that in 1867 he was appointed a trustee. He ever carefully considered the rights and interests of all, and enjoyed the confidence of the trustees, while his courtesy, kindness and perfect integrity commanded the respect of the tenants and others on the estate. Mr. and Mrs. Clymer resided for a time at Wellsboro, Tioga county, where all their children were born with the exception of the third, who was born in Philadelphia. Their children were all baptized by Rev. Mr. Marple, rector of Christ Church, Wellsboro. In July, 1869, they sailed for Europe, taking all their children for the advantages of education; and while abroad, on the 28th of May, 1873, Mr. Clymer died of apoplexy in Florence, Italy. The family then returned to Philadelphia in the autumn. Mr. Clymer's remains were sent home and are interred in Charles Evans Cemetery, near Reading, Pa. In November, 1878, Mrs. Clymer and her children left America with the intention of settling on the continent, but she and two of her children, Richard and Maria, were drowned in the English Channel before they reached their destination; the vessel in which they took passage having been lost November 26th, 1878. (Copied from the "Roberdeau Genealogy," by Roberdeau Buchanan, pages 176 and 177; also newspaper notices published at the time of accident.)

SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF MARY HIESTER CLYMER AND WILLIAM BINGHAM CLYMER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Henry	June 10, 1853	.....	.....	Nov. 2, 1854
Mary	Dec. 13, 1854	Sept. 18, 1884	Guglielmo Grant.....	.....
Ellen S.	Dec. 9, 1856	.....	.....	Mar. 30, 1858
Richard Willing ..	April 10, 1858	.....	.....	Nov. 26, 1878
Maria Hiester	Feb. 11, 1862	.....	.....	Nov. 26, 1878
Rosa Nicolls.....	Sept. 19, 1865	 1888	.....	.....

FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

Hiester Clymer, fifth son of Maria Catharine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, Berks county, Pa., November 3d, 1827. He received a liberal education, graduating from the College of New Jersey in 1847, and taking up the study of the law, was admitted to the bar of Berks county April 6th, 1849, after which he practiced in Reading and Pottsville. He was married April 3d, 1856, to Elizabeth M. Brooke, daughter of Matthew Brooke, of Birdsboro, Pa. They resided in Reading where their two children were born and died, and where Mrs. Clymer died October 9th, 1870.

He was a delegate to the Democratic Convention at Charleston in 1860, and in the same year was a member of the Revenue Commissioners. Served as State Senator 1860-1866. Became the Democratic candidate for governor in the latter year, but was defeated by Governor Geary. In 1870 he was appointed by the Governor a member of the Board of Public Charities, then just organized. In 1873 he was elected a representative to the Forty-third Congress from Berks county, as a Democrat; and served on the committee on the Revision of the Laws, on Public Lands and on the Library. He was re-elected to the Forty-fourth Congress and was placed on the committee on Expenditures of the War Department, and the Joint Standing Committee on the Library. Also re-elected to Congress in 1876 and 1878. In 1880

Mr. Clymer was succeeded in Congress from the Berks district by Hon. Daniel Ermentrout, and from that time until his death resided in Reading. His discussion with State Senator A. K. McClure in February, 1861, in the State Senate, on the repeal of the tonnage tax on the traffic of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, brought him prominently before the public. The crowning act of his congressional life was his presentation to Congress of the special committee report touching the rascalities of William W. Belknap, President Grant's Secretary of War, which created a great sensation throughout the land. His career in the Senate of Pennsylvania was distinguished for dignity and courtesy of demeanor, readiness, force and eloquence in debate, and steadfast devotion to the best interests of the Commonwealth. He was interested in the iron business and at the time of his death was president of the Clymer Iron Company. He was married April 26th, 1882, to Mrs. J. B. Clemens (*nee* Von Schrader), of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Clymer died June 12th, 1884, at which time he was vice-president of the Union Trust Company of Philadelphia; president of the Clymer Iron Company, which operated the Mt. Laurel and Oley furnaces; a director of the Reading Fire Insurance and Trust Company, from the time of its organization, and a trustee of the Charles Evans Cemetery.

(Material for this sketch was taken from the Roberdeau Genealogy, by Roberdeau Buchanan; Montgomery's "History of Berks County," page 512, and newspaper articles published at the time of his death.)

SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF HIESTER CLYMER AND ELIZABETH M. BROOKE.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Elizabeth M.	Jan. 20, 1857	.....	.....	Jan. 12, 1865
Edward Brooke ...	Mar. 18, 1859	.....	.....	Jan. 24, 1861

George Edward Clymer, youngest child of Maria Catharine Hiester and Edward Tilghman Clymer, was born at the Clymer homestead in Caernarvon township, Berks county, Pa., January 8th, 1830. He was sent to the Reading Academy and from there to Princeton College, from which institution he graduated in 1849. He then became associated with his brothers William, Edward and Hiester in the iron business in Eastern Pennsylvania, owning the Mt. Laurel and Oley furnaces and other property connected with the iron business. In 1858 he went to Mexico and joined a party who surveyed the route for a railroad from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico. In the summer of 1861 Mr. Clymer raised a company of cavalry which became attached to the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, Colonel R. H. Rush, of which Mr. Clymer was made major in March, 1862. During 1865-1868 he was occupied in mining in Nevada and Chihuahua, Mexico. In 1870 Mr. Cylmer severed his connection with his brothers in the iron business and removed to Cincinnati, where he became interested in the Swift Iron and Steel Works of Newport, Kentucky, of which his father-in-law was president. Mr. Clymer was elected vice-president in 1874, and removed with his family to Newport. In 1884 he returned to Reading and again became interested in the iron business, and after the death of his brother Hiester, bought the Mt. Laurel furnace property, and operated the furnace until two years before his death when he retired from active business and settled in Reading. Major Clymer was married June 29th, 1868, to Alice Cary Swift, daughter of Alexander Swift, of Cincinnati. She died in Jacksonville, Florida, February 14th, 1873, leaving two children. Mr. Clymer died in Reading July 7th, 1895. He was the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 62, dur-

ing the years 1855 and 1856, and was also a member of the Sons of the Revolution and of the Loyal Legion.

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SIXTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF GEORGE EDWARD CLYMER AND ALICE CARY SWIFT.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
Edwin Swift	June 16, 1871	.....	.....	.....
George Alexander .	July 25, 1872	.....	.....	May 1, 1873

FIFTH GENERATION (Continued).

CHILDREN OF JOHN PHILIP HIESTER AND CAROLINE AMELIA MUSSER.

Member of Family	Born	Married	To Whom Married	Died
John Louis	Sept. 2, 1849	.....	.....	Apr. 20, 1851
Caroline Elizabeth	Mar. 29, 1851	.....	.....	.....
Mary Aug. Cath. ..	Apr. 10, 1854	May 13, 1885	George A. Reid	.....

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